

girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.'

"With a full appreciation of the importance and magnitude of the work that I again undertake, I enter upon its performance with a full determination that shall not falter, however untoward the circumstance, to do all that may be possible to advance the prosperity of the State and the welfare of its citizens. Should I so maintain myself during the term for which I have been elected, the measure of my ambition will be complete.

"The hairs of my head have grown gray in its service, as well on the field as in the council chamber, and when my public career shall have closed I desire, above all things else, to take with me into private life the consciousness of duty well performed. If deserved, I could ask no higher encomium than that I had served the people faithfully and well. Senators and Representatives, I rejoice to have you share with me the responsibilities, the duties and the honor of the hour, and upon your wisdom and your patriotism I shall most confidently rely."

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court James Williams then administered the oath of office to Lieutenant-Governor-elect James N. Browning, who came forward, and the same ceremonies were had as in the case of the Governor.

The Speaker then introduced Jas. N. Browning as the Lieutenant-Governor of Texas.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning, acknowledging the introduction, said:

*"Mr. Speaker and Mr. President, Senators, Representatives and Fellow-citizens:*

"Two years ago, where I now stand, I took the oath of office as Lieutenant-Governor of this State. I then delivered a brief address, in which I promised that I would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of my office to the best of my skill and ability, and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the country. Whether that pledge has been redeemed or not I prefer to let the record say. With the record before them, the people re-elected me to this office. I assure you that I heartily appreciate the honor thus conferred, and I promise you that if it be possible I shall be more diligent and more faithful in the discharge of my official duties in the future than I have been in the past."

The Speaker then announced that the business of the joint session was concluded.

Whereupon Senator Patterson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, a joint session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, extend our thanks to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, and to the ladies and friends of the city of Austin who have contributed the exceedingly beautiful and tasty collection of fine flowers and shrubbery to adorn the services of this important occasion.

The resolution was read second time, and the President announced that it was adopted on part of the Senate.

The Speaker announced that it was adopted on part of the House.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the Senate retired to its chamber.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, the Senate, at 12:22 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

#### SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Tex., Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

#### Present—23.

Davidson of	Paulus.
DeWitt.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Potter.
Galveston.	Savage.
Goss.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Staples.
Harris of Bexar.	Swann.
Harris of Hunt.	Turner.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Miller.	Yett.
Neal.	

#### Absent—4.

Grinnan.	Odell.
Johnson.	Turney.

#### Absent—Excused.

Beaty.	James.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, the same was dispensed with.

## EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Harris of Bexar, Senator Grinnan was excused from attendance upon the Senate indefinitely on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Davidson of De Witt, Senator Turney was excused from attendance upon the Senate indefinitely on account of important public business.

On motion of Senator Goss, Senator Davidson of Galveston was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate Monday and Tuesday, last, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Davidson of Galveston, Senator Goss was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate Monday and Tuesday, last, on account of important business.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were sent to the Secretary's desk:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 15, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 30, being a bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the 1st day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

POTTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 15, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 3, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the issuance of free passes, free tickets or other means for the carrying of passengers by railway or other transportation lines in this State free or at a less than established rate,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*, with the following amendment:

"Amend by adding to Section 1 the fol-

lowing: 'And provided further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to the officers or employees, nor to the families of such officers or employees of such transportation company, nor to passes granted by any such transportation lines to the officers, employees or families of any other transportation line known as exchange passes.'"

POTTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 15, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 11, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of private corporations, traction companies, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, maintaining and operating electric inter-urban roads between and connecting different cities, towns and villages, and into, through and over public streets of the different cities, towns and villages reached by same, and to furnish light and power to consumers; to provide the manner and method of organizing said corporations; to prescribe the rights, powers, privileges and duties of said corporations; to authorize said corporations to construct, acquire, operate and maintain such electric roads; own, use and occupy lands, easements, buildings and structures; to empower such corporations to condemn lands and other property for the use and purposes of such corporations, and to provide the method therefor; to issue stock and bonds, and to borrow money, and to mortgage its franchise and property,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*, with the following amendments:

Insert in Section 1, after the word "villages," where it first occurs in said section, the following words: "And into, over and through the streets of the cities, towns and villages reached by such electric roads." And by adding at the end of Section 3 the following: "Provided, this shall not be so construed as to authorize the condemnation of public streets or highways." And by adding Section 6, which shall read as follows: "Whereas, there is now no law existing authorizing the organization of private corporations for the purpose of constructing inter-urban electric railways, and to condemn right of way therefor an emergency and imperative public necessity authorizes the suspension of the

constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days is created, and it is so suspended, and demanding that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

POTTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Jan. 15, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 10, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the International & Great Northern Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate, as a part of its line, the railroad of the Calvert, Waco & Brazos Valley Railroad Company, together with all the franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto, and to authorize the Calvert, Waco and Brazos Valley Railroad Company to sell its said railroad, together with all the franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto to the International & Great Northern Railroad Company; and to authorize said International and Great Northern Railroad Company to issue and negotiate its bonds secured or to be secured by a mortgage or mortgages, subject to the laws of the State of Texas governing the issuance and negotiation of bonds by railroad companies; and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to construct, own and operate as part of its line the unfinished portion of the railroad of said Calvert, Waco & Brazos Valley Railroad Company between the termini of the latter company as defined in its charter and amendments thereto, and to construct, own and operate as part of its line extensions and branches thereof, under or as authorized in and by the charter of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, or any amendment thereof made or to be made in pursuance of general laws of the State of Texas; to regulate reports of the property to be purchased from the said Calvert, Waco & Brazos Valley Railroad Company, and the operation thereof, after the purchase thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company; and to prescribe the conditions upon which the said purchase and sale shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said companies to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchase and sale,"

Have had the same under considera-

tion, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

POTTER, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 34, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of \$225 for the use of the General Land Office to purchase stamps to enable said office to conduct business for the remainder of the year ending February 28, 1901,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 2, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 152, of the Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, sent to the Governor for approval on the 27th day of May, 1899, amending Article 5001, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the stock law,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 16, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 27, being a bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of the Presidential electors of Texas,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 16, 1901.

*Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, a joint resolution to amend Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of

Texas, requiring all persons subject to a poll tax to have paid a poll tax and to hold a receipt for same before they offer to vote at any election in this State, and fixing the time of payment of said tax.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

DAVIDSON of DeWitt, Chairman.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senators Miller and Hanger:

Senate bill No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish the office of and to prescribe the duties and powers of State fire marshal, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and to prescribe salaries and fees for the performance of the duties imposed by this act."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Senator Savage:

Senate bill No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7, of an act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal school, to be located at Denton, Texas, and to be known as the 'North Texas Normal College,' approved March 31, 1899, and to add thereto Sections 8 and 9."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senators Wilson and Staples:

Senate bill No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13, of Chapter 107, page 182, of the general laws of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, approved May 12, 1899, which is entitled as follows: 'An Act to carry into effect the amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor.'"

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Davidson of DeWitt:

Senate bill No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Railroad Commission of Texas to make all police regulations which could be lawfully made by the Legislature of Texas, to secure prompt, adequate and efficient service over the railroads in this State."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Patterson:

Senate bill No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect discharged employes against blacklisting; to define blacklisting, prescribing penalties therefor, and to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Wheeler:

Senate bill No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 889, Title X, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to appeals from the judgments of justices of the peace and other inferior courts to the county court, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Harris of Hunt:

Senate bill No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the printing of election tickets to be voted at any State, district, county, precinct or municipal election or primary election in this State; defining the duties of those charged with the responsibility of providing election tickets with reference to the preparation of such tickets; providing for the endorsement of such regularly prepared tickets as official by the county judge of the county wherein such ticket is to be voted; prohibiting the printing or circulation of election tickets not so prepared and endorsed as official, and providing penalty therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Senator Davidson of DeWitt:

Senate bill No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4576, of Chapter 13, Title XCIV, of the Revised Statutes of this State."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Lloyd and McGee:

Senate bill No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring vaccination in counties where smallpox exists."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senators Lloyd and McGee:

Senate bill No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring disinfection of vessels arriving at ports within this State in compliance with quarantine proclamation of the Governor."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Lloyd:

Senate bill No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the standard

weight of a bushel of certain fruits and vegetables."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Senator Paulus:

Senate bill No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the traffic in examination questions used by the county school boards of examiners or by the summer normal boards of examiners in the examination of teachers; and providing a penalty for the violation thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Hanger:

Senate bill No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of cocaine, opium and other poisons."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Swann:

Senate bill No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to punish laborers who violate either written or verbal contracts, and to provide a penalty for effecting breaches of contracts between employer and employe."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senator Lipscomb offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We learn that Wm. McKinley, President of the United States, contemplates paying the State of Texas a visit in the near future.

Resolved, That the State Senate extend to him a cordial invitation to visit the city of Austin while the Legislature is in session.

The resolution was read second time, and adopted.

Morning call concluded.

#### HOUSE MESSAGE.

Messenger from the Honorable House of Representatives being announced, delivered the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives.  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 16, 1901.

To Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, to wit:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that there be printed for the use of the Senate and House three hundred copies of the Texas Legislative Manual, which shall contain the rules of the House, the

rules of the Senate, and joint rules of the Senate and House, all of which shall be properly indexed, a list of the standing committees of the two houses, the names of the Senators and Representatives and their respective districts, the names of the officers of the House and Senate, the names of the Representatives of the press now reporting the proceedings of the Legislature, the Constitution of this State and of the United States, and the Committee on Rules of the House, acting with the Senate Committee on Rules, is hereby authorized and instructed to have said copies bound and printed as hereinbefore provided.

J. J. HENDERSON,

Acting Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

#### PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, which was pending business, the following resolution offered by Senator Savage on yesterday:

Resolved, first, That the State contractor furnishing stationery and other goods for the use of the members of the Senate shall present to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at the end of each week, an itemized account showing the cost and amount of articles set forth in the bill, together with an affidavit to the same.

Resolved, second, That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall cause to be kept on file a duplicate of each order made for such goods, to be turned over to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, together with each itemized account, for their consideration when requested by chairman of the same.

Resolved, third, That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall reject any and all goods, stationery, eac., sent to the Senate contrary to his order, whether in excess in amount or substituted as to quality.

Resolved, fourth, That the State contractor shall, at the time of each delivery of any and all goods, stationery, etc., furnish the Sergeant-at-Arms with an itemized bill of the same for his comparison with said delivery, and that the Expert Printer is hereby requested to assist the Sergeant-at-Arms as much as is necessary during such deliveries.

Resolved, fifth, That the Sergeant-at-Arms is requested to present all orders, before purchasing, to the Chairman on Contingent Expenses for his approval; provided, that in case of sickness or absence of the Contingent Expense Committee, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall make orders without such approval.

Resolved, sixth, That this resolution is not intended to reflect on the work of

any publishing company or individual, but is a matter of business economy.

Senator Savage offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out subdivision 5 of the resolution."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Hanger offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting in Section 4, after the word 'Sergeant-at-Arms,' where it last occurs in said section, the words 'on request.'"

The amendment was accepted by Senator Savage, author of the resolution, and same was adopted by the Senate, after which the resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Senator Neal, the Senate, at 10:35 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Thursday, Jan. 17, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

##### Present—19.

Davidson of	Neal.
DeWitt.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Potter.
Hanger.	Savage.
Harris of Bexar.	Stafford.
Harris of Hunt.	Staples.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Miller.	

##### Absent—7.

Goss.	Swann.
Johnson.	Turner.
Odell.	Yett.
Sebastian.	

##### Absent—Excused.

Beaty.	James.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Grinnan.	

Senator Savage moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum, which call being duly seconded, the Secretary was ordered to call the roll, the following Senators answering to their names:

##### Present—20.

Davidson of	Davidson of
DeWitt.	Galveston.

Goss.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Paulus.
Harris of Bexar.	Potter.
Harris of Hunt.	Savage.
Lipscomb.	Stafford.
Lloyd.	Staples.
McGee.	Wayland.
Miller.	Wheeler.
Neal.	Wilson.

##### Absent—6.

Johnson.	Swann.
Odell.	Turner.
Sebastian.	Yett.

##### Absent—Excused.

Beaty.	James.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Grinnan.	

Senator Turner was announced, completing the quorum.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Senator McGee, the same was dispensed with.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 17, 1901.

*To the Senate:*

The advice and consent of the Senate is requested to the following appointments:

Secretary of State—John G. Tod, of Harris county.

Assistant Attorney General—Robert A. John, of Williamson county.

Adjutant General—Thomas Scurry, of Dallas county.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History—Jefferson Johnson, of Travis county.

State Health Officer—W. F. Blunt, of Caldwell county.

State Revenue Agent—Joe Lee Jame-son, of Bexar county.

State Purchasing Agent for Eleemosy-nary Institutions—C. P. Dodge, of Bell county.

Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds—Sam Harlan, of Travis county.

Superintendent of Penitentiaries—J. S. Rice, of Tyler county.

Assistant Superintendent of Peniten-tiaries at Huntsville—J. G. Smither, of Walker county.

Assistant Superintendent of Peniten-tiaries at Rusk—W. M. Lacy, of Ander-son county.

Assistant Superintendent of House of